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European Studies, Democracy and Civic Participation

Partner Identification Form · Ankara Yıldırım Beyazıt University (AYBU), Türkiye

Why include AYBU in your consortium? A decade of Jean Monnet actions, EU-studies teaching and civic participation research. AYBU is a public university in Ankara with an Erasmus Charter for Higher Education and 28 Erasmus+ cooperation projects in the Commission's project database since 2014, 17 as coordinator. One contact for every thematic profile: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Musab Talha Akpınar, mtakpinar@aybu.edu.tr.

1. Five reasons specific to this theme

1. A Jean Monnet Chair (2014), a Centre of Excellence (2017) and a Module (2022), all coordinated by AYBU
2. A European Studies Research Centre and an institute for international relations
3. Research on citizen-oriented participation mechanisms
4. Work on the infodemic and on AI literacy relevant to digital citizenship
5. An international campus with students from 109 countries for intercultural debate

2. Thematic institutional profile

AYBU has hosted Jean Monnet actions for more than a decade: the Chair Building Bridges with Europe and with the World (2014 call), the Heart of Anatolia European Centre of Excellence (2017 call) and the Module GRADEU on a global risk assessment dataset and the EU's role in governing global risks (2022 call). Its European Studies Research Centre and Institute of International Relations and Strategic Research provide a home for teaching and debate on the European Union, while research on citizen participation and on information disorder supports civic education and digital citizenship.

Relevant faculties, departments and centres

- European Studies Research Centre
- Institute of International Relations and Strategic Research
- Faculty of Political Sciences
- Faculty of Communication
- Business School

Research and training infrastructure

- European Studies Research Centre
- Jean Monnet teaching and event experience

3. Relevant previous projects

Project number	Title	Action	Call	AYBU role	EU grant (project)	Status
101085659	GRADEU - Global Risk Assessment Dataset and the EU's role in the Governance of Global Risks	Jean Monnet Modules	2022	Coordinator	EUR 30 000	Completed
586967-EPP-1-2017-1-TR-EPPJMO-CoE	Heart of Anatolia European Centre of Excellence	Jean Monnet Centres of Excellence	2017	Coordinator	EUR 94 071	Completed
2016-1-TR01-KA347-033134	Gençlik Ekranı	Dialogue between young people and policy makers	2016	Coordinator	EUR 12 200	Completed
2016-1-DE02-KA204-003278	Educitizens - Educate to Particpate	Strategic Partnerships for adult education	2016	Partner	EUR 108 800	Completed
553065-EPP-1-2014-1-TR-EPPJMO-CHAIR	Building bridges with Europe and with the world EN Avrupa ile Dunya arasinda Kopru Insasi TR	Jean Monnet Chairs	2014	Coordinator	EUR 50 000	Completed

Source: European Commission, Erasmus+ project lists, export of 19.11.2026. Grant = total EU grant of the project as awarded.

4. Key academic experts

Expert	Unit	Relevance to this theme	Profile
Prof. Dr. Hasan Engin Şener	Business School – Management (Management and Organisation)	Citizen participation mechanisms; public policy; civilian oversight project	AVESIS
Prof. Dr. Cem Korkut	Business School – Finance and Banking	Comparative institutional and economic history of Europe and the Ottoman world	AVESIS
Asst. Prof. Dr. Mustafa Ünsalan	Business School – Management (Marketing)	Infodemic research; culture in communication	AVESIS
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vildan Ateş	Business School – Management Information Systems	AI and digital literacy; digital stress	AVESIS

Prof. Dr. Hasan Engin Şener. Professor of Management and Organisation at the AYBU Business School, working on public administration, public policy analysis, strategic management and leadership. He has contributed to EU-supported and UNDP projects for Turkish ministries, leads an AYBU research project on the societal acceptance of AI in health and is an accredited external evaluator of the Turkish Higher Education Quality Council and an ISO 9001 internal auditor. Teaching covers strategic management, public administration and human resource management; also teaches at Ahmet Yesevi and Gazi universities.

Prof. Dr. Cem Korkut. Professor of Finance and Banking and Vice Dean of the AYBU Business School. His research spans financial econometrics, climate finance, Islamic and participation finance and the history of financial institutions, with recent articles on carbon emissions and market volatility. He co-authored the Turkish Academy of Sciences' synthesis report on COP31 targets, has worked on EU-supported transport and refugee-employment projects and advises the Academy's President. Teaching covers finance, banking and financial econometrics. Research record on AVESIS: 125 publications, Google Scholar h-index 13 (653 citations), 11 projects.

Asst. Prof. Dr. Mustafa Ünsalan. Assistant Professor of Marketing and Deputy Head of the Department of Management at the AYBU Business School, with a doctorate from Marmara University and an MBA from the University of New Haven. He studies AI in marketing, brand loyalty, consumer response to information and destination marketing, and has worked on projects about SME internationalisation, destination promotion and university–business cooperation. Teaching covers marketing courses. Research record on AVESIS: 38 publications, Google Scholar h-index 5 (158 citations), 3 projects, 8 theses supervised.

5. Keywords

European Union studies · Jean Monnet · EU values · democracy · civic participation · citizenship education · digital citizenship · media and information literacy · global risks governance · EU–Türkiye relations · enlargement · public debate · youth participation · disinformation resilience · intercultural dialogue

6. Alignment with Erasmus+ 2027

Participation in democratic life, common values and civic engagement; teaching and debate on the EU through Jean Monnet actions.

Relevant 2027 action	Deadline (Brussels time)	Grant per project	Role AYBU can take
Jean Monnet Actions in higher education (Modules, Chairs, Centres of Excellence)	3 February 2027, 17:00 Brussels time	Jean Monnet Module EUR 35 000; Chair EUR 60 000; Centre of Excellence EUR 100 000 (Guide p. 394)	Sole applicant
Jean Monnet Policy Debate (thematic networks in higher education) and Jean Monnet actions in other fields of education and training	3 February 2027, 17:00 Brussels time	Networks on internal EU policy up to EUR 1 000 000, on external policy up to EUR 1 200 000 (Guide pp. 415–416); Teacher Training up to EUR 300 000 (p. 404); Learning EU initiatives up to EUR 35 000 (p. 409)	Partner
Cooperation Partnerships in higher education	9 March 2027, 12:00 Brussels time	Lump sum EUR 120 000, 250 000 or 400 000	Coordinator and partner
Cooperation Partnerships in youth	9 March 2027, 12:00 Brussels time	Lump sum EUR 120 000, 250 000 or 400 000	Coordinator and partner
European Youth Together	2 March 2027, 17:00 Brussels time	Up to EUR 500 000 per project (Guide p. 381)	Partner

7. What AYBU can contribute

Contributions described here are potential contributions based on verified institutional capacity; they become commitments only in a signed proposal. Named experts are proposed on the basis of their published work and their participation in a given proposal is subject to their confirmation.

Potential project objectives

- Extend EU-related teaching to non-specialist students
- Strengthen civic and digital citizenship competences
- Bring academic debate on the EU to wider society

Potential activities

- EU-studies modules for business, engineering and health students
- Student debates and simulations
- Open lectures and policy dialogues
- Learning materials on information disorder

Work packages AYBU could lead or co-lead

- Teaching modules
- Student participation activities
- Outreach to civil society
- Research and publications

Training modules AYBU could deliver

- The EU's digital and AI regulation for non-lawyers
- EU sustainable finance and the Green Deal
- Democracy and information disorder

Potential deliverables

- Jean Monnet module syllabus and materials
- Simulation and debate toolkit
- Open lecture series
- Policy papers

Potential pilot activities

- EU module for students outside European studies
- Model EU simulation with partner universities

Target groups AYBU can reach

- University students of all disciplines

- Young people
- Teachers
- Civil society

Expected institutional contribution

- EU-studies teaching and research
- Event organisation in Ankara
- Research on participation and information disorder
- Student engagement
- Publications

8. Management, quality and dissemination capacity

EU projects at AYBU are run by academic project teams with support from the Business School's projects office and the Competitiveness and Innovation Research Centre (REKMER). Financial administration follows Turkish public financial management and control legislation (Law No. 5018); EU grants are kept in dedicated project accounts and the university is subject to external audit by the Turkish Court of Accounts. In the Commission's project database AYBU appears in 28 Erasmus+ cooperation, policy and Jean Monnet projects from call years 2014–2026, 17 of them as coordinator; 9 are running today.

For each project AYBU proposes a quality plan with internal peer review of deliverables, milestone monitoring and partner feedback surveys. The university operates an institutional quality management system under the national Higher Education Quality Council framework, and Business School staff include an accredited external evaluator of that Council.

AYBU disseminates through its institutional website and faculty pages, official social media accounts, a community of more than 26 000 students and about 2 600 staff, its partner universities and its links with ministries, municipalities, chambers and Teknopark Ankara. Multiplier events and training activities can be hosted on its Ankara campuses, and online courses can be delivered through the Distance Education Research Centre.

Results can be sustained through courses in degree programmes, certificate programmes of the Continuing Education Centre, online delivery by the Distance Education Research Centre and follow-up funding from national programmes such as TÜBİTAK. Open publication of materials is the default.

9. Partners we would like to work with

- Universities with Jean Monnet chairs
- Civic education NGOs
- Youth organisations
- Think tanks on EU affairs
- Schools

10. Organisation identification

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Legal name (Latin characters)	ANKARA YILDIRIM BEYAZIT UNIVERSITESI
Name in English	Ankara Yıldırım Beyazıt University (AYBU)
Organisation ID (OID)	E10137893
PIC	952723525
National / fiscal ID	9600521531
Type of organisation	Higher education institution (tertiary level); Public (state) university; non-profit public body
Erasmus Charter for Higher Education	Erasmus Charter for Higher Education holder — Erasmus code TR ANKARA15
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12. Links

- University: https://aybu.edu.tr
- Business School: https://aybu.edu.tr/isletme/en
- Academic profiles (AVESIS): https://avesis.aybu.edu.tr
- AYBU projects in the Erasmus+ project database: https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/projects

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